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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN MARITIME DELEGATION VISIT TO LATIN

AMERICA AND WASHINGTON

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1. EVENING SEPTEMBER 10 MARITIME ATTACHE ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN BY NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR AT HIS RESIDENCE. ATTENDEES INCLUDED MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS; JOHANNES DALSTO, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING; AND DAVID VIKOREN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORWEGIAN SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION. DALSTO AND VIKOREN ARE TWO OF THREE MAN DELEGATION WHICH RECENTLY COMPLETED TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA. THIRD MAN, FRONDE NILSEN, WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE. THE THREE WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TODAY FOR TALKS ON MARITIME AFFAIRS WITH STATE, MARAD AND FMC.

2. AS THIRD FLAG CARRIER NATION, NORWEGIAN DELEGATION PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH SPREAD OF BILATERALISM EXPRESSED THROUGH SHIPPING POOLING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. THEY SAID THAT CONCEPT OF "TRADE BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE NATIONS BETWEEN WHICH

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IT IS CARRIED ON," WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR ALONG THE TOUR. DELE-

GATION WILL THEREFORE CONCENTRATE ON CONVINCING USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO REVERT TO U.S. "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS" POLICY WHICH, THE DELEGATION ALLEGES, HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED TO GREAT EXTENT BY RESTRICTIVE 50-50 (OR NEAR 50-50) POLICY BROUGHT ABOUT BY PRESSURE FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENTS WERE MADE TO EFFECT THAT SINCE UNITED STATES WAS ORIGINATOR OF RESERVED CARGO LEGISLATION, SUCH AS THAT PROVIDED UNDER PUBLIC RESOLUTION 17, IT IS NOW HAVING DIFFICULTIES CONVINCING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THAT THEIR PARTICULAR CARGO RESERVATION LEGISLATION IS CONTRARY TO BEST INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SHIPPING.
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